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**(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(c))**

Docket No.  
113642-050

In Re Application Of: **Klemens Degen**

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/792,008	March 3, 2004	Unknown	24573	3677	4255

Title: **SPRING CLAMP WITH HOOK**

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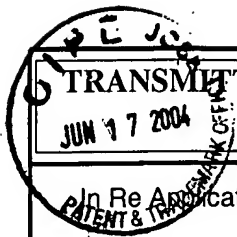
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2. ☐ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed after the period specified in 37 CFR 1.97(b), provided that the Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a Final Action under 37 CFR 1.113, a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.311, or an Action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and is accompanied by one of:

☐ the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

**OR**

☐ the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).



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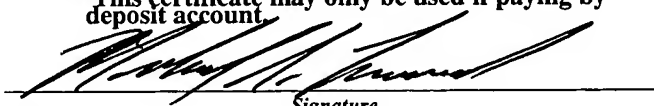
  
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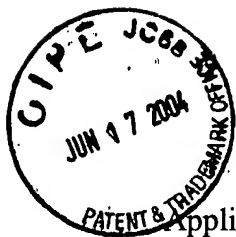
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
1,468,884	Sept. 25, 1923	W.E. Schneider

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
1 325 394	Dec. 17, 1963	France
200 01 498 U1	July 19, 2001	Germany

The foreign documents listed above are not in the English language. Applicant provides the following comments.

FR 1 325 394 describes a spring loaded clamp having a clamping mouth and two actuation sections. The bi-sector between the two actuation sections lies in the same plane as the reference plane defined by the clamping mouth and the pin. This clamp has a hook, which is formed by the spring. The hook cannot be pivoted about an axis, which runs substantially parallel to the reference plane.

DE 200 01 498 U1 describes a spring clamp having a clamp mouth with two clamping jaws, which are spring loaded towards each other. The clamp has two actuation sections. The bi-sector between the two actuation sections is not inclined to the reference plane, which is defined by the clamping mouth and the actuation pin. This clamp does not have a hook at the free end of one of the actuation sections.

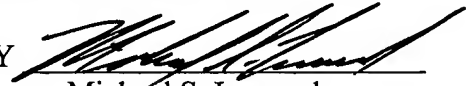
All of the references listed above are cited and discussed in the specification for this application.

Applicant looks forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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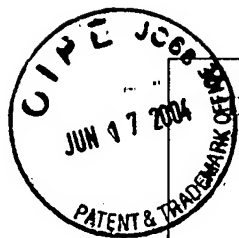
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